

TROPICAL STORM VAL (20W)

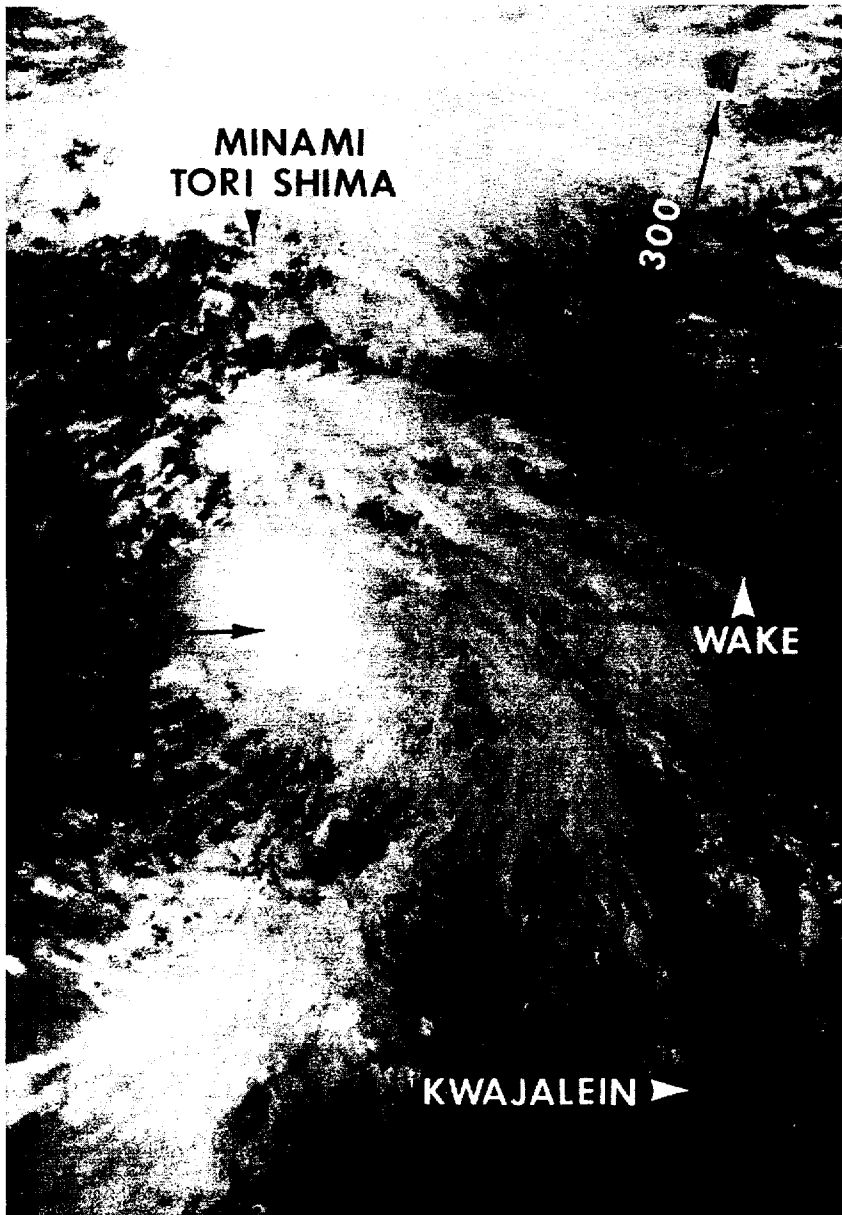


Figure 3-20-1. Poorly organized, but persistent convection defines Val 12 hours before it reaches tropical storm intensity (240406Z September NOAA visual imagery).

The fourth of five significant tropical cyclones to form in September, Val was the only one not to intensify beyond a tropical storm. Like Ted (19W), which formed a day earlier on 18 September, Val was slow to intensify. After first being mentioned as a broad area of convection on the 190600Z September Significant Tropical Weather Advisory, Val became the subject of two Tropical Cyclone Formation Alerts before the first warning. The tropical storm passed to the west of Minami Tori Shima, weakened, and on 27 September recurved. Val's transition to an extratropical low prompted JTWC to issue the final warning at 270600Z.